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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ISSUED AUGUST 18
THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ON THE RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE LOS CONFERENCE:

BEGIN TEXT: THIS SHORT SESSION WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE
WORK BEGUN IN GENEVA LAST SPRING AND WILL BE A CRUCIAL
STAGE IN THE DRAFTING OF A NEW CONVENTION OF THE OCEANS.
THE LAST SESSION SAW SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, CHIEFLY ON
THE QUESTION OF SEABED MINING. WITH RESPECT TO FISHERIES,
AN IMPROVED TEXT ON THE CONSERVATION AND CATCHING OF
ANADROMOUS SPECIES WAS ACCEPTED IN GENEVA AND THE
CONFERENCE SEEMED CLOSER THAN EVER TO A COMPROMISE ON
THE QUESTION OF THE ACCESS OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHI-
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CALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES TO SURPLUS LIVING RESOURCES
IN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF THE COASTAL STATES, THEIR
REGIONS AND SUBREGIONS. THE PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE,
HOWEVER, THAT THE LATTER QUESTION IS CLOSELY LINKED TO
THAT OF THE DEFINITION OF THE SEAWARD EDGE OF THE CON-
TINENTAL MARGIN. DISCUSSIONS, IN WHICH PROGRESS WAS
MADE IN GENEVA ON OTHER QUESTIONS, SUCH AS PROTECTION

OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, WILL ALSO BE CONTINUED IN NEW YORK.

"THIS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, IN ADDITION TO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS (12-MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS, 200-MILE FISHING ZONE, SPECIAL POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES IN THE ARCTIC), WILL STILL HAVE TO BE SET DOWN IN A REAL AND UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED CONVENTION. BUT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE UNABLE TO ADOPT A CONVENTION UNTIL IT HAS RESOLVED THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF THE SYSTEM OF SEABED MINING.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THIS RECENT PROGRESS, AND WITHOUT MINIMIZING THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED, CANADA HAS A KEEN DESIRE TO SEE THIS CONVENTION DRAWN UP, AND ITS DELEGATION WILL WORK ACTIVELY TOWARD THIS DURING THE SESSION. END TEXT.

2. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT IN THE CANADIAN MEDIA ON THE RESUMED SESSION.

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